

Amendments to the Specification:

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At page 1, please replace the first paragraph after the title with the following amended paragraph:

Related Applications: Related subject matter is disclosed in U.S. Patent Applications entitled “Method for Polynucleotide Synthesis”, Docket Number 10031130-1 (Serial No. 10/652054); “Method of Polynucleotide Synthesis Using Modified Support”, Docket Number 10030229-1 (Serial No. 10/652049); “Exocyclic Amine Triaryl Methyl Protecting Groups in Two-Step Polynucleotide Synthesis” Docket Number 10020786-1 (Serial No. 10/652064); “Precursors For Two-Step Polynucleotide Synthesis” Docket Number 10031261-1 (Serial No. 10/652048); all applications filed in the names of Dellinger et al. on August 30, 2003, the same day as the instant application, all of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entireties, provided that, if a conflict in definition of terms arises, the definitions provided in the present application shall be controlling.